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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, lines 18-24 as follows:

In the storing method, in an empty state in which there is no ~~the~~ data signal in the middle FIFO memory 12, it is determined that the FIFO memory part 100 has a sufficient empty memory capacity. On the other hand, when the middle FIFO memory 12 is saturated, it is determined that the FIFO memory part 100 has insufficient empty memory capacity.

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